

**Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
Sanctuary Advisory Council**

FINAL Key Meeting Outcomes

March 20, 2009

Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, Ventura CA

Note: This document will be posted on line at <http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/minutes.html>. Audio recordings of this and other Council meetings are available upon request to michael.murray@noaa.gov.

Attendance: At peak, fourteen of the Council's twenty-one voting seats were present (see attached attendance roster). Seven seats were absent for the day: California Resources Agency, California Coastal Commission, Minerals Management Service, Chumash Community, Education, California Department of Fish and Game, and U.S. Coast Guard. Public attendance varied from 5 to 7 people.

Administrative Business and Announcements

The draft key outcomes report from the January 2009 meeting was adopted as final.

Visitors and a new council member were introduced: Emily Carson, the Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator at Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary; T. L. Garrett, a shipping industry representative; and Perry Ferguson, new Non-consumptive Recreation Alternate.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Chris Mobley highlighted several items in the Superintendent's Report (provided to all SAC members and the attending public and available at <http://www.channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/super.html>).

Council Member Announcements

A number of Council members shared announcements (unrelated to meeting agenda items). Audio recordings are available upon request.

Boater Education and Outreach

In response to the new discharge regulations for the sanctuary, Shauna Bingham, sanctuary Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, provided a presentation on an evaluation of education and outreach needs about vessel discharge. Shauna described the logic model approach used, the education needs, the partners involved, the timeline for outreach, and examples of some issues such as encouraging pump-out stations and outreach to the shipping industry. The council then engaged in a discussion about some of the challenges to meeting the new regulations such as difficulty in enforcing discharges from outside the sanctuary, pets on board vessels, trade-off between greenhouse gas emissions and compliance, and the cost and space needed for type 1 and type 2 marine sanitation devices. Shauna is interested in having a focus group of boaters to provide more feedback on the issue.

Management Plan Implementation

Mike Murray announced that the regulations will be final and announced on March 23 and he provided an update on the next steps for Management Plan Implementation. Mike explained the budget scenario is now worse than what was projected in the plan and this will affect what we will be able to accomplish. Discussion focused on some details of the regulations such as invasive species and how adaptable the regulations will be, and how new projects are evaluated for sanctuary permits. Also, Dayna Matthews, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, emphasized the importance of education and outreach for regulations because that sets the stage for the level of understanding and social acceptance of the regulations.

Public comment

Kira Redmond from Santa Barbara Channel Keeper offered their services as a partner for education and outreach on clean boating.

A member of the public asked about plans for visitor centers. In response, Chris Mobley, Russell Galipeau and Eric Kett noted the many outreach efforts through sanctuary offices and partnerships with harbors, museums, signs, brochures, etc. but that the sanctuary is not planning to open its own visitor center.

Evaluation of Superintendent's Report

In response to budget constraints and staff reduction, the council was asked to provide feedback on the bi-monthly Superintendent's Report. Members of the council responded that it is a good product but since it does not currently have wide distribution they suggested cost-cutting measures such as reducing frequency, simplifying the format, and making it easier to find on the website. Council members were asked to complete and return a survey about the report.

Preparation for Sanctuary Advisory Council Summit

Mike Murray explained that he and Eric Kett, Council Chair, will be attending the Sanctuary Advisory Council Summit in Alpena, Michigan the week of May 4th. Mike explained the purpose of the meeting and asked council members to inform Eric if they have thoughts or suggestions regarding topics of the agenda. Eric and Mike will be presenting a case study on ocean acidification and will report back at the next meeting.

Election of Council Vice Chair

The advisory council members present unanimously voted for Bruce Steele as the council's new Vice Chair.

Working Group Reports

No reports from the Sanctuary Education Team, Research Activities Panel, or Chumash Working Group.

Recreational Fishing Working Group: Merit McCrea discussed that there has not been an official Recreational Fishing Working Group meeting, but there is a lot of collaborative work being done among varying fishing community sectors regarding the MLPA in southern California.

Commercial Fishing Working Group: Bruce Steele noted that there has not been an official working group meeting but that commercial fishermen are participating in MLPA regional stakeholder group meetings, science advisory team, and blue ribbon task force meetings, and other related meetings.

Conservation Working Group: Linda Krop provided a written report on the March 18, 2009 meeting of the CWG and a verbal update. Linda noted their continuing work on ocean acidification ship strikes, the MLPA process, sanctuary boundary evaluation, and offshore ocean energy projects. The CWG presented for consideration by the advisory council at a future meeting a draft offshore ocean energy resolution that addresses the need for comprehensive spatial planning and that indicates that national marine sanctuaries are not appropriate sites for such projects. The draft resolution is similar to resolutions under consideration at other national marine sanctuary advisory councils along the west coast. CWG is working on a case study on the green port program and would like to reiterate its request that NOTAMs be issued sooner and with lower thresholds, and would like to see a panel of speakers in May or July addressing what is happening with other agencies, e.g., CARB.

Interagency Enforcement Working Group: Dayna Matthews presented information about enforcement groups at each west coast national marine sanctuaries, highlighting groundings as a west coast wide issue, the need to work with partners who provide on the water uniformed officers, and a new enforcement database that will provide information on enforcement efforts in each national marine sanctuary site.

Ship Strike Subcommittee: Sean Hastings provided an update on recent work. T.L. Garrett introduced himself and discussed his work with the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association on addressing air emissions and whale strikes. Sean discussed the upcoming whale season and employing the emergency response plan, and support and funding to contact some aerial surveys and monitoring.

Sanctuary Education Team: Sanctuary Education Team Leader Julie Bursek spoke on behalf of the SET about recent work with Capt. McKenna of the Marine Exchange to discuss strategies for outreach to the shipping industry (i.e., what tools they might use).

Marine Protected Areas

Education: Julie Bursek provided a demonstration of Google Ocean where photos and videos can be linked to marine areas. She and Laura have posted high definition videos for each of the marine reserves in the sanctuary.

Monitoring: Sean Hastings provided an update from Chris LaFranchi that included efforts to study how the MPAs have affected the for-hire recreational fishing charter industry, non-consumptive charter boat operations, private boat owners, and the value of the MPA network to research. Dani Lipski provided an update from John Ugoretz on biological monitoring projects including many ongoing projects at agencies, universities, and non-profit organizations. Biological monitoring plans have been affected by limited funding.

Public Comment

Leslie Purcell asked about a sea otter sighting she had seen listed in the park visitor center and she recounted an incident she observed involving a person in a skiff shooting a gun nearshore on the mainland. She noted safety and environmental concerns.

Future Meeting Schedule and Closeout

Mike announced that CDFG will now be able to choose their furlough days and so should be able to attend meetings in the future, eliminating the need to consider moving meeting dates. Linda Krop asked that development of future agendas include consideration of the ocean energy resolution and a panel to discuss shipping issues

- Friday May 15, 2009 (SAC meeting, Santa Barbara)
- Friday July 17, 2009 (SAC meeting, Ventura)
- Friday September 18, 2009 (SAC meeting, Santa Barbara)
- Friday November 20, 2009 (SAC meeting, Ventura)

Meeting Attendance Roster ():

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| Kathleen Fitzgerald | Tourism | Present |
| Andrea Moe | Tourism - Alternate | Absent |
| Debra Herring | Non-Consumptive Recreation | Present |
| Perry Ferguson | Non-Consumptive Recreation - Alternate | Present |
| Capt. Richard McKenna | Business | Present |
| Vacant | Business - Alternate | --- |
| Linda Krop | Conservation | Present |
| Greg Helms | Conservation - Alternate | Present |
| Bruce Steele | Commercial Fishing | Present |
| Vacant | Commercial Fishing - Alternate | --- |
| Capt. David Bacon | Recreational Fishing | Present |
| Merit McCrea | Recreational Fishing - Alternate | Present |
| Maria Petueli | Education | Absent |
| Jose Chicote | Education - Alternate | Absent |
| Dr. Robert Warner | Research | Present |
| Dr. Mark Steele | Research - Alternate | Present |
| Phyllis Grifman [Council Secretary] | Public At Large #1 | Absent |
| Amy Spandrio | Public At Large #1 - Alternate | Present |
| Eric Kett [Council Chair] | Public At Large #2 | Present |
| Dan Powell | Public At Large #2 - Alternate | Absent |
| Jacy Ontiveros | Chumash Community | Absent |
| Alan Salazar | Chumash Community - Alternate | Absent |
| Peter Fischel | NOAA Fisheries | Present |
| Elizabeth Petras | NOAA Fisheries - Alternate | Absent |
| Russell Galipeau | National Park Service | Present |
| Vacant | National Park Service - Alternate | --- |
| CDR Jason Collins | US Coast Guard | Absent |
| LTJG Brittany Steward | US Coast Guard – Alternate | Absent |
| Dr. Fred Piltz | Minerals Management Service | Absent |
| Donna Schroeder | Minerals Management Service - Alternate | Absent |
| Steven Schwartz | Dept. of Defense | Present |
| Walt Schobel | Dept. of Defense - Alternate | Present |
| Marija Vojkovich | CA Dept. of Fish & Game | Absent |
| John Ugoretz | CA Dept. of Fish & Game - Alternate | Absent |
| Brian Baird | CA Natural Resources Agency | Absent |
| Amy Boone | CA Natural Resources Agency - Alternate | Absent |
| Steve Hudson | CA Coastal Commission | Absent |
| Barbara Carey | CA Coastal Commission - Alternate | Absent |
| Dianne M. Black | Santa Barbara County | Absent |
| Susan Curtis | Santa Barbara County - Alternate | Present |
| Lyn Krieger | Ventura County | Absent |
| Marilyn Miller | Ventura County - Alternate | Present |
| Chris Mobley | Channel Islands NMS [non-voting] | Present |
| Paul Michel | Monterey Bay NMS [non-voting] | Absent |
| Karen Grimmer | Monterey Bay NMS - Alternate [non-voting] | Absent |
| Maria Brown | Gulf of the Farallones NMS [non-voting] | Absent |
| Brian Johnson | Gulf of the Farallones NMS [non-voting] | Absent |